

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (currently amended) Press for ~~the~~ pressing a material to be pressed into a component, said press having at least one revolving pressing belt movable along a course in a transport direction through a pressing area and as well as control means with which for controlling the course of the pressing belt is controlled, in which the control means comprise comprising rotating rods ~~as well as engaging the pressing belt and also including~~ positioning means ~~with which for positioning the rotating rods can be positioned diagonally relative to the direction of transport of the pressing belt, in which the rotating rods are being laterally attached to revolving chains to drivingly engage and drive lateral areas of the pressing belt to control the course of the pressing belt, characterized by means that control the chains including chain links, the control means detecting stretched chain links and controlling the position of the rotating rods dependent on the length of individual chain links of the chain.~~

2. (currently amended) Press according to claim 1 in which the control means are arranged such that the course of the pressing belt is controlled in the pressing area ~~that serves~~ wherein the pressing of the material to be pressed occurs.

3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended) Press according to claim 1, in which the rotating rods form a revolving belt, which is guided around shafts and in which the positioning means ~~are provided with which shafts can be positioned~~ position the shafts diagonally relative to the direction of transport of the pressing belt.

5. (currently amended) Press according to claim 4, in which the press further includes a second revolving pressing belt and second control means comprising second rotating rods for controlling the course of the second revolving belt, each of the two revolving belts are being guided around spaced rollers to align portions of the pressing belts in the transport direction between said rollers, the rotating rods being arranged to urge the aligned portions of the pressing belts together as they

travel in the transport direction through the pressing area  
~~rollers and which are urged towards each other in an area~~  
~~between the rollers, namely, in particular by means of~~  
~~pivoted rotating rods.~~

6. (currently amended) Press according to claim 1, in  
which the control means further includes an electronic  
system for sensing deviations of the pressing belt from the  
course in the pressing area and in response to sensed  
deviations operating the positioning means to position the  
rotating rods diagonally relative to the direction of  
transport to move the pressing belt back to the course and  
thereby reduce deviation of the pressing belt from the  
course in the pressing area ~~means are provided with which a~~  
~~deviation of the pressing belt from a predefined desired~~  
~~course can be acquired, and an electronic system connected~~  
~~thereto capable of operating the positioning means, in case~~  
~~of deviations having been detected, in such a way that~~  
~~rotating rods are deflected from their perpendicular~~  
~~position relative to the direction of movement of the~~  
~~adjoining area of the pressing belt in such a way that the~~  
~~deviations are reduced.~~

7. (cancelled).

8. (currently amended) ~~Press according to claim 1,~~  
for pressing a material to be pressed into a component,  
said press having at least one revolving pressing belt  
movable along a course in a transport direction through a  
pressing area and control means for controlling the course  
of the pressing belt, the control means comprising rotating  
rods engaging the pressing belt and also including  
positioning means for positioning the rotating rods  
diagonally relative to the direction of transport of the  
pressing belt, the rotating rods being laterally attached  
to revolving chains to drivingly engage and drive lateral  
areas of the pressing belt to control the course of the  
pressing belt, the chains including chain links, ~~in which~~  
gear wheels ~~are~~ engaging the revolving chains to which the  
rotating rods are laterally attached, the gear wheels being  
provided with markings or pulse generators to provide a  
gear wheel signal, ~~and in which~~ sensors together with an  
evaluation device ~~are~~ arranged to receive the gear wheel  
signal so ~~such~~ that stretched chain links of a ~~chain~~ the  
revolving chains can be detected, and the control means  
controlling the position of the rotating rods dependent on  
the length of individual chain links of the chain.

9. (cancelled).

10. (currently amended) Method for controlling a pressing belt in a press according to claim 1, in which the course of the pressing belt is controlled in the pressing area by laterally slowing down or accelerating the ~~press~~ pressing belt.